

West Valley City, Utah

Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 Annual Plan

May 2009

INTRODUCTION

West Valley City receives funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grants, in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

This is an Amendment to West Valley City's 2008-2009 Action Plan, which was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 6, 2008. This Amendment is necessary to allow the use of new Federal HUD funding; all of the elements of the City's original 2008-2009 Action Plan are hereby incorporated into this supplemental document.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009, and appropriates \$787 billion for measures that will modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief and protect those in greatest need. The Recovery Act includes \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds to support a broad range of housing and community development projects that are "shovel-ready," i.e., can be implemented as soon as possible.

West Valley City will receive \$250,000 in new CDBG-R funds that constitute a special allocation of 2008-2009 CDBG funding. The City must give priority to projects that can award contracts by mid-June 2009. The purpose of this Amendment is to describe the City's proposed use of the CDBG-R funds.

LOW INCOME TARGETING

The project will comply with HUD regulations for eligible uses of funds, serving low-to-moderate income populations. Estimated number and type of families that will benefit: 100 percent of funds expended will be area wide benefit for low to moderate income area; approximately 3,500 low income persons will benefit.

PROCESS

Federal rules continue to be developed as the program is being administered. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has directed grantees to apply for funds by submitting a substantial

amendment to their Annual Action Plan. Congress intends that these funds be used quickly, giving priority to activities that can be under contract within 120 days of grant award.

Due to the immediate nature of this funding, the City has determined that the following project will accomplish the goals of the ARRA in providing training and jobs to local individuals within West Valley City. This project is “shovel-ready” and has a direct benefit to citizens in the community.

PROJECT

LESTER STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

GOAL: Provide a safe walkway for residents on a main thoroughfare through the neighborhood. The street is a main stop for school busses and will provide added safety to school children. The installation of sidewalks, street crossings and removal of ADA impediments creates accessible connections to jobs and services in the neighborhood.

New sidewalk construction consisting of curb, gutter and sidewalk along both sides of Lester Street from Russett Avenue to Crystal Avenue (approximately ½ mile). Environmental letters have been sent and responses are expected by June 1, 2009. Once the CDBG-R funds are made available, West Valley City Public Works will begin the project, and construction can be completed by November.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Hearing Notice was published on May 24, 2009, for seven days, which is the number of days required under the CDBG-R program. During the public hearing, public comment was invited and the amendment was adopted by resolution by the West Valley City Council.

The opportunity for language, hearing and accessibility assistance was part of the public notification. The Year 4 Annual Action Plan Amendment was available for public review at the West Valley City Housing Authority/Grants Office located at City Hall, 3600 Constitution Blvd., West Valley City, Utah 84119, and was posted on the City Web site.

CDBG-R PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION

The public can contact Chris Curtis, Housing/Grants Administrator with West Valley City at (801) 963-3486, or by e-mail, chris.curtis@wvc-ut.gov . Comments may be mailed to 3600 Constitution Blvd., West Valley City, Utah 84119.